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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ANTIGUA,
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, a foreign corporation,

Plaintiff,

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CASE No.: 2:10-cv-10978-PJD-MJH
Judge Patrick J. Duggan
Magistrate Judge

STEVEN WOODWARD,

Defendant,

Defendants Motion for Sanctions and Motion for Dismissal

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7. www.auamed.org/new-york-administrative-office
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11. www.auamed.org/susan-zonia-md
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13. Email from Sevrine Rodrigues Barrie
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15. SallieMae Letter
16. www.economictimes.indiatimes.com Manipal Education buys out Antigua University
17. www.manta.com Greater Caribbean Learning Resources, Inc.

The Defendant will show evidence the Plaintiff has violated:

- 15 U.S.C. 1125 (a)(1) Lanham Act, False Advertising
- 18 U.S.C. 1506, Alteration of Record
- 18 U.S.C. 1346, Scheme or Artifice to Defraud
- 18 U.S.C. 1344, Bank fraud
- Federal Rule 7.1 Disclosure Statement
- LR 83.22(a)(3) Attorney Discipline

The Defendant requests sanctions against the Plaintiff and dismissal of the case based on the following evidence.

The Defendant will now support their defense against the Plaintiff's claims , in part, including but not limited to, as written in Docket 1: 1, 8, 17, 21 and 54 (a), (c), (e), (f), (g), (j), (k), (l), (m), (o), 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, 29, 31, 33, 34, 35,36, 37, 38, 41, 44, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 55, 56, 57, 58.

By the Plaintiff's own actions of removing information from their Web site, www.auamed.org, they admit that the information they published was false.

This motion supports the Defendants Claims that information posted under www.aau-med.com and related Internet postings is in fact, TRUE, factual, and of use by prospective students(U.S. citizens).

(1) The Plaintiff has knowingly modified at several critical piece of evidence from their, or associated Web sites, related to the Plaintiff's Docket 1(Exhibit 1) Claims 21 (l) and 54 (l) **"AUA student pass rate for USMLE medical board exams is only 22.9%"** knowing full well that this information was evidence in the case.

This claim is in reference of the Defendants publishing on www.aua-med.com hyperlink **"Antigua only has a 22.9% USMLE Pass Rate!"**

The Plaintiff's Claim was specifically communicated and argued before the Court on or about April 19, 2010 as demonstrated in Exhibit 2 page 29, line 13 through page 33, line 10.

The Defendant quotes **"80.6%"** on page 31, line 8(twice) and page 32, line 24 of (Exhibit 2).

The Defendant's video **"http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ieDUVb3_MU"** clearly shows a screen capture (copy) from the Plaintiff's Web site Uniform Resource Locator, URL(Web address) **"<http://www.auamed.org/ecfmg-usmle-information>"** on or about 2:35 minutes into the video.

The Defendant's video and Exhibit 3 show the content of the Plaintiff's quotes:

"Since AUA's inception, USMLE Step 1 first-time pass rates for all students is 80.6%"

"For AUA students with an overall Basic Sciences GPA of 3.0 and higher, 98.6% passed USMLE Step 1 on the first attempt"

"Those with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, 100% passed on the first attempt"

The Plaintiff has completely removed this quote from their modified URL, (Exhibit 4).

This is evidence that the Plaintiff's information was false and misleading and that the information the Defendant has posted is in fact TRUE.

(2) The Plaintiff has removed information from their URL www.auamed.org/information-seminars (Exhibit 5).

"All students enjoy an overall Basic Science GPA of 3.0 and higher, 98.6% passed USMLE Step 1 on the first attempt Those with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher, 100% passed on the first attempt. (most recently reported scores)"

The Plaintiff has completely removed the quote and claims from URL: www.auamed.org/information-seminars. Exhibit 5 is the BEFORE and Exhibit 6 is the altered version.

By the Plaintiff's actions of removing this statement they admit this information was false and misleading.

(3) The Defendant will prove that these claims were on the Plaintiff's Web page by using writings by the Plaintiff's own Associate Director of Admissions, **Tipton Carlson**, (Exhibit 7, page 3).

The Plaintiff uses the URL www.valuemd.com as an Internet advertising tool and student blog. The URL

"<http://www.valuemd.com/aua-medical-school-study-area/191792-aua-step-1-pass-rate-2010-a.html>"

titled "AUA Step 1 Pass rates as of 2010? (Exhibit 8)

One of Tipton Carlson's quotes is on Exhibit 8, page 2. These quotes are hyperlinks(reference) to the Plaintiff's URL **"<http://www.auamed.org/ecfmg-usmle-information>"**.

"Since AUA's inception, USMLE Step 1 first-time pass rates for all students is 80.6%",

"For AUA students with an overall Basic Sciences GPA of 3.0 and higher, 98.6% passed USMLE Step 1 on the first attempt"

, and **"Those with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher; 100% passed on the first attempt"**

(4) Tipton Carlson has also removed his quote:

"You learn. You give your best. You get abused. You move on"

from another www.valuemd.com entry titled **"Another reason I do not trust AUA"** (Exhibit 9)

Tipton Carlson removed this quote as demonstrated (Exhibit 10).

This statement alone **"You get abused"** summarizes the treatment of AUA students as seen by AUA Administration.

(5) The Defendant will now show that the Plaintiff falsifies professor qualifications and titles on their Web site.

From www.auamed.org/susan-zonia-md (Exhibit 11) the Plaintiff claims that "Susan Zonia, MD" implies Susan Zonia is a Medical Doctor.

According to Susan Zonia's own testimony, on or about February 3, 2009, she only has a PhD in Sociology (Exhibit 12, page 7).

Unless Susan Zonia has earned an "MD" since February 2009 the Plaintiff has falsely advertised the qualifications of at least one faculty.

(6) The Defendant will now show that the Plaintiff lied to Sallie Mae(Nellie Mae).

The Defendant signed up for financial aid as instructed by AUA's financial aid officers on or about 2006. The loans were managed and dispersed by the Plaintiff.

Sevrine Barrie is the Dean of Student Services and Registrar for AUA (Exhibit 13).

The two separate Nellie Mae Loan Certifications (Exhibit 14), that are signed and dated by Sevrine Barrie, were mailed to me from Sallie Mae.

The loan certificates have no references to the American University of Antigua.

On or about October 13, 2010 the Defendant received a letter from Sallie Mae's Office of the Customer Advocate, signed by Devin Hewitt (Exhibit 15)

"I have researched your account and have confirmed that you have three Excel Grad Loans that are serviced by Sallie Mae. These loans were borrowed to finance your attendance at Kasturba Medical College, **not American University of Antigua.**"

The Plaintiff is currently advertising Title IV loans to prospective students.

(7) Violation of Federal Rule 7.1 Disclosure Statement

The Plaintiff has failed to release parent company information.

The Defendant has evidence that American University of Antigua College of Medicine is associated with Manipal Education(Exhibit 16) and Greater Caribbean Learning Resources, GCLR incorporated in New York, NY(Exhibit 17).

The Defendant humbly asks the Court to dismiss this case entirely, file Sanctions against the Plaintiff for tampering with, deleting, and falsifying evidence, or at least authorize and order the discovery of the real information from back-up copies of this evidence from server data storage archives.

Please allow the Defendant to exercise the Freedom of Speech with the intent of protecting prospective U.S. Citizens by continuing to publish the truth concerning this and other so-called Medical Schools and partners.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. D. Ward", with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

17. As a result of Mr. Woodward's apparent dissatisfaction with this result and with everyone and everything other than the party truly responsible for his circumstance (himself), he has now registered an internet domain name of www.aua-med.com at which he publishes reckless, false, and malicious purported "facts" about AUA in addition to other objectionable content.

18. A specific date when Mr. Woodward commenced his endeavor is not known but it is well after AUA's first usage in trade of its own similar name and website www.auamed.org.

19. A copy of the legitimate www.auamed.org website homepage is attached as Exhibit 1.

20. A copy of Defendant's www.aua-med.com website homepage is attached as Exhibit 2.

21. Defendant's website represents, alleges and publishes, as if true, false and defamatory information about AUA including, by way of example and not limitation, that:

- a. AUA routinely commits fraud upon its students;
- b. AUA falsifies its students grades;
- c. AUA breaches contracts;
- d. AUA disregards student civil rights;
- e. AUA conspires against its students;
- f. AUA pursues unspecified and other unethical practices;
- g. AUA has "malicious intensions" and administration and academic advisors of a "heinous nature";

- h. AUA students are sexually assaulted;
- i. AUA professors teach students wrong information;
- j. AUA conspires to commit fraud and violations of civil rights;
- k. AUA commits criminal activities reportable to the FBI;
- l. AUA student pass rate for USMLE medical board exams is only 22.9%;
- m. AUA contrives false evidence in student disciplinary proceedings (i.e, the hearing Mr. Woodward was provided prior to dismissal and refused to even attend);
- n. AUA colluded with St. Joseph Hospital to maliciously end Mr. Woodward's career, conspired, abused its power, committed perjury and is otherwise immoral and unethical;
- o. AUA agents are liars;
- p. The locality of AUA is full of "rape, murder, fraud, and government corruption."

22. Defendant's website further publishes, in a manner not repeated here, and without consent of the university or its affected students, other students' identities and personal information including grades and academic information.

22. In that Plaintiff utilizes its own website to market and provide useful information to prospective students, AUA suffers irreparable injury and harm to its reputation each day that Mr. Woodward's appalling site is permitted to remain available.

23. Moreover, irreparable injury to AUA and its affected students occurs, for which there is not an adequate remedy at law, by virtue of Mr. Woodward's unsanctioned and unauthorized publication of federally protected private academic information.

COUNT III- WILLFUL VIOLATION OF FERPA

46. Plaintiff incorporates and restates its answers to paragraphs 1 through 45 above.

47. Defendant has published private educational information about other students including names and grades on his website.

48. This publication is without the consent of the University or its affected students and is otherwise unauthorized.

49. The academic records are otherwise private and are protected from public disclosure under federal law.

50. The consequence of disclosure has an immediate and obvious impact on the affected students' privacy rights for which there is no adequate remedy at law.

51. Further, as a direct and proximate result of Defendant's actions, AUA could lose significant access to federal educational funding and student aid.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff American University of Antigua, respectfully requests a judgment against Defendant, together with costs, interest, and attorney fees.

COUNT IV- DEFAMATION

52. Plaintiff incorporates and restates its answers to paragraphs 1 through 51 above.

53. Defendant publishes a website in which he intentionally, maliciously and/or recklessly or negligently publishes falsehoods about AUA.

54. By use of direct words, narrated video clips, weblinks and "YOUTUBE" videos of his making, Defendant promulgates as if true the following "facts" about AUA:

- a. AUA routinely commits fraud upon its students;

- b. AUA falsifies its students grades;
 - c. AUA breaches contracts;
 - d. AUA disregards student civil rights;
 - e. AUA conspires against its students;
 - f. AUA pursues unspecified and other unethical practices;
 - g. AUA has "malicious intensions" and administration and academic advisors of a "heinous nature";
 - h. AUA students are sexually assaulted;
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 - p. The locality of AUA is full of "rape, murder, fraud, and government corruption."
55. Each and every one of these "facts" is false.

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1 MR. WOODWARD: Okay. I was confused that this
2 first page was a motion and there are five items to
3 this page and that's why I wasn't --

4 THE COURT: I don't know of any motion talking
5 about bad faith. In any event, let's go on.

6 MR. WOODWARD: We just covered bad faith in his --

7 THE COURT: I understand. I don't know that you
8 have bad faith or not.

9 MR. WOODWARD: Yes, Your Honor.

10 As far as -- yes, Your Honor. I guess I can go
11 over my claims here that are obviously -- I can show
12 that they are mistaken.

13 When it says, "AUA student rate for USMLE medical
14 board is only 22.9% percent", that is not what my
15 website says and I have evidence to show that.

16 What it is, it's Antigua does. And it's published
17 information. There's two medical schools on Antigua.
18 And Antigua has a 22.9% pass rate. Antigua does.

19 THE COURT: Hold on. What's the difference
20 between Antigua?

21 MR. WOODWARD: There are two medical schools, Your
22 Honor. The organizations that release or that have the
23 documentation to support the pass rates will not
24 release those pass scores.

25 THE COURT: So, you never stated that this

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1 University has a --

2 MR. WOODWARD: No.

3 THE COURT: You never said it?

4 MR. WOODWARD: Never said it.

5 THE COURT: Stop. Stop. Counsel, why do you say
6 he said it?

7 RESPONSE BY MR. BUIKEMA

8 MR. BUIKEMA: That's my understanding of the
9 website publication.

10 And even if what Mr. Woodward is now saying is
11 true, he's just told you, Your Honor, that there are
12 two medical schools. And so to say that Antigua's
13 USMLE rate in context to his entire web page that's
14 smearing the reputation of my client, was intentionally
15 misleading and known to be misleading by this person.

16 He's also just said the organization that
17 publishes those scores won't release them. So, how can
18 he know the pass rate from Antigua if he sought that
19 from the releasing party and they won't release it?
20 That's a reckless statement. Whether it's intentional
21 or not, if it's reckless, that supports the cause for
22 defamation.

23 THE COURT: Why are you making any reference at
24 all about a pass rate of 22.9%?

25 RESPONSE BY MR. WOODWARD

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1 MR. WOODWARD: Because it was published in the
2 newspaper, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: What's that got to do with this
4 school?

5 MR. WOODWARD: Because there are two schools on
6 the Island of Antigua, one has a 90% USMLE pass rate
7 for first time test-taking students; another one claims
8 that they have an 80.6% pass rate. 80.6 and 90%
9 doesn't equal 22.9%.

10 MR. BUIKEMA: I couldn't agree more, Your Honor.
11 And Mr. Woodward knows that when he publishes that
12 false statistic.

13 THE COURT: What's the 22.9% got to do with this
14 University?

15 MR. WOODWARD: I don't just talk about this
16 University, Your Honor, on my website.

17 THE COURT: Well, the primary thing on your
18 website is about this University, isn't it?

19 MR. WOODWARD: That's right, Your Honor. But the
20 ECFMG, which is the governing body for these types of
21 organizations down in the Caribbean, will not release
22 that information, even though I've requested it.

23 THE COURT: I'm not concerned about information
24 that isn't released. I'm concerned about you making
25 the statement that at least, by some inference, since

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1 your website is dealing with this University and you
2 talk about a pass rate of 22.9%, someone might say,
3 "Wow".

4 MR. WOODWARD: That's correct, Your Honor, and
5 that's where I go to the data that was released in a
6 Power Point presentation from the school showed that
7 the University only had about a 50 percent pass rate.

8 When I further looked at that information, I found
9 out that for AUA students only, the pass rate was only
10 44%, that's not transfer students, that's just the
11 students that started and ended with AUA. And that was
12 inside the Power Point presentation, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Why talk about 22.9% --

14 MR. WOODWARD: I mean 44% pass rate.

15 THE COURT: Why talk about 22.9%?

16 MR. WOODWARD: Because it demonstrates, Your
17 Honor, that somebody's not telling the truth.

18 THE COURT: A statement that the pass rate for
19 medical board exam of 22.9% tell us somebody is not
20 telling the truth?

21 MR. WOODWARD: If there's only two universities on
22 the island, Your Honor, and the total pass rate for the
23 island is 22.9% and one school claims a 90% pass rate
24 and the other school an 80.6% pass rate --

25 THE COURT: That doesn't mean this defendant did

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1 anything wrong. You're aligning this university with
2 no basis for it.

3 MR. WOODWARD: No, Your Honor, because I further
4 go on to explain that the pass rate, per their release
5 student information, is 44%, Your Honor, not 80.6% like
6 they claim on their website.

7 THE COURT: But you said --

8 MR. WOODWARD: I did not demonstrate anywhere on
9 that island, I'm just saying that the numbers just
10 don't add up.

11 THE COURT: But be fair. You're attacking this
12 University, people will read this and think you're
13 talking about this university.

14 MR. WOODWARD: No, I also talk about the other
15 university. I talk about the hospital. I talk about
16 the ECFMG not releasing student grades so that people
17 know what kind of university they're getting into, Your
18 Honor.

19 THE COURT: What's your --

20 MR. WOODWARD: The hospitals that they deal with
21 and the businesses that they deal with, that's on the
22 front cover of my page.

23 THE COURT: In his brief in support of the motion,
24 he lists what they believe are false statements by you.
25 And number "A" is: "AUA routinely commits fraud upon

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USMLE Pass Rates for AUA student test takers reported through 04/15/09:

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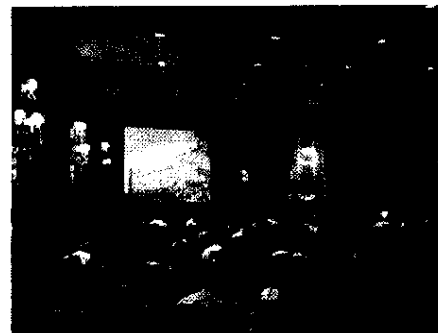
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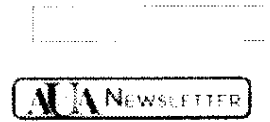


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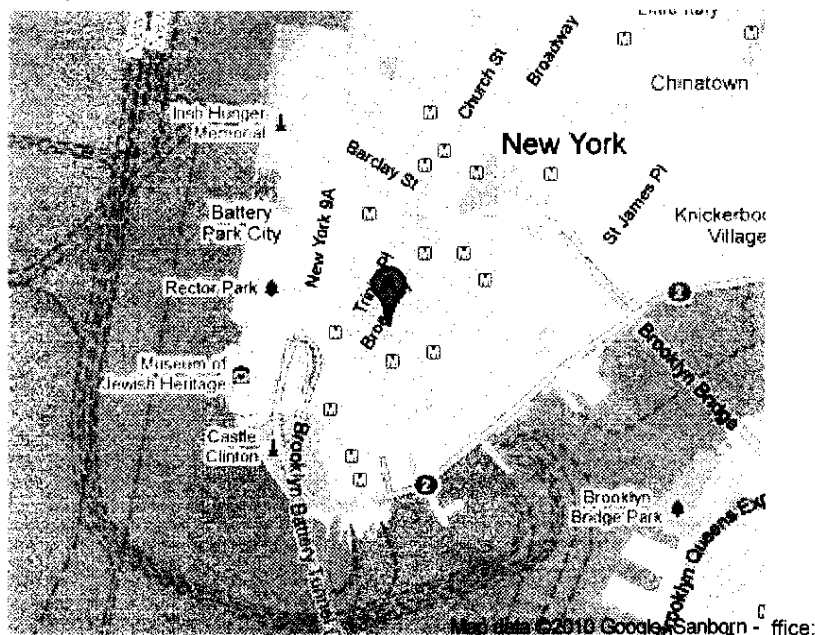
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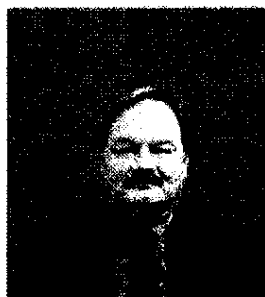
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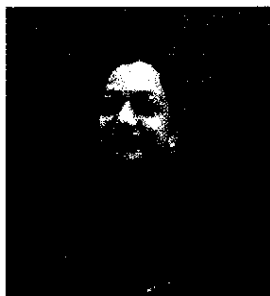
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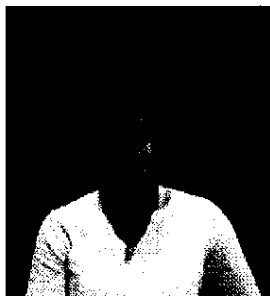
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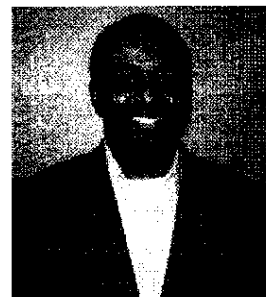
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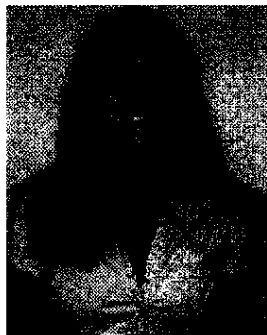
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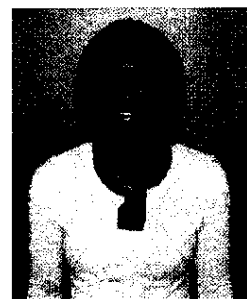
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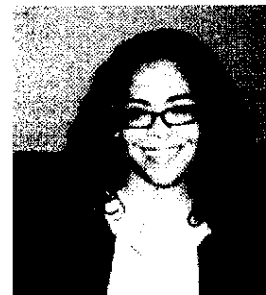
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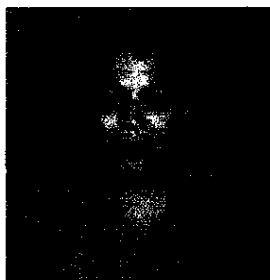
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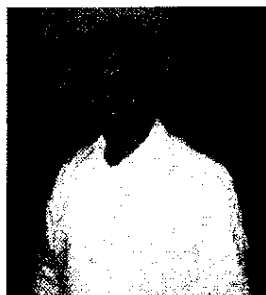


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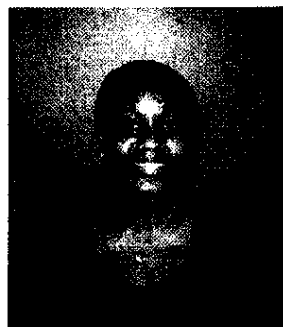
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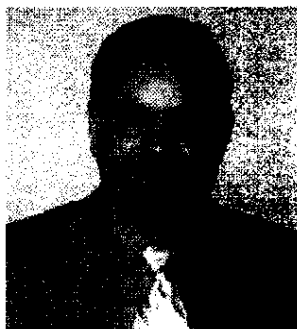


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AUA Step 1 Pass rate as of 2010?

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 amazing) but I do want to go to antigua for med and
 was wondering why they have not posted theirs? I
 went through the forum and people do pass the Step
 1, however does everyone get a chance to do
 clinicals after that or is there a chance that you go to
 a any caribbean medical school in general, and spend
 200 000 without really having a career after? (Sorry
 about all the questions, I just needed all the
 information before I ended up going to the islands!)

Our members don't see this ad.

Thank you for understanding hehe
 Aspiring Doc!



Quote

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#2 (permalink)

BrendaB_MD
 Senior Member

Join Date: Aug 2007
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USMLE Pass Rates for AUA student test takers reported through 04/15/09:

- Since AUA's inception, USMLE Step 1 first-time pass rates for all students is 80.6%
- For AUA students with an overall Basic Sciences GPA of 3.0 and higher, 98.6% passed USMLE Step 1 on the first attempt
- Those with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher; 100% passed on the first attempt



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Thank you!

Thank you **Brenda** for your lengthy reply. It is definitely something I will take into consideration.

Thank you Mr. Tipton, I clearly overlooked that on the website. My mistake!

Thank you once again!



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carib students generally have great scores on step1 bc many take 4+ months to prepare for the exam. its very hard to fail after that much prep time. many of my classmates also did the kaplan retreat and a bunch of other crap. on the flip side most american schools only allot 3 weeks of prep time for their students.

i'd like to see some numbers for step 2 ck scores. i know ross has an abyssal pass rate lol

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i can't think of anything more interesting than reading ecfmg articles on step scores...

studying and writing the exam is enough for me thanks

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
Quote:

Originally Posted by **BrendaB_MD** 

I am pretty sure that SGU has the highest performance of any carib school. Thus, I think it is inaccurate to say that carib students generally get good scores.

I'm pretty sure that no one at present really has any way of figuring out which Carib program has the highest performance over the last say 4 years or so, but I am curious how you derived this claim outside of your own personal experience/anecdotes which tend to have less statistical and mathematical validity.



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Quote:

Originally Posted by Tipton

What?

From NJ is clearly recruiting students to Statia and making stupid claims about the quality of the clinical curriculum and at the same time remaining remarkably silent about how he is being compensated for his efforts.

AUA knows we had a huge problem with clinicals which is why we are spending so much time, energy and money to improve it.

If you can find one instance of me giving false or misleading information to students here (or anywhere else for that matter) I would appreciate you letting me know.

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08-18-2010, 03:08 PM #22 (permalink)

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You learn. You give your best. You get abused. You move on.

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08-28-2010, 08:21 PM #23 (permalink)

msblongboard Newbie

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I am in Atlanta studying for Step 1 and use Value MD for my entertainment and a good laugh because it never ceases to amaze me how silly this back and forth gets. Students are upset (and rightly so) and AUA reps continue to try and find ways around answering questions and quotes are requoted and he said this and they said that and there is a rumor that AUA has a new campus on the MOON! Hollllaaaa!

For students who are waiting for clinicals take heart. There are other options out there and yeah you might need to sell a kidney or two to get the money to attend another school but you can do it. Many of my friends have transferred to other schools and contrary to what has been written no one is going to deny you a spot in a residency because you switched schools and didn't want to be delayed 6 months for clinical rotations.

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I'm going to go now, sit back with a glass of wine, close my eyes and remember my days on "the rock" as Dr. G tried to explain Neuro to me with a pen and some lines on a piece of paper or perhaps I will recall the words of Dr. M as I tap my wine glass and recite Prozasosin, Doxazosin and Terazosin as a way to help my future HTN. Have no fear I'll check back in after Step to see how things are going and I hope to see you kids again.

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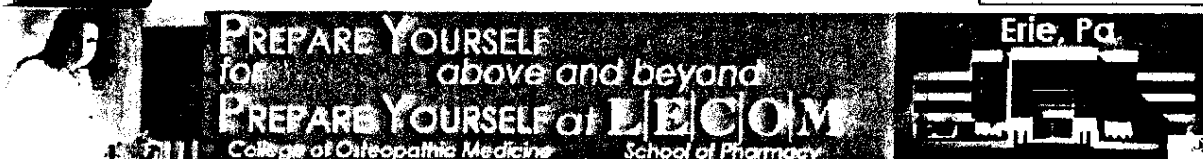


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Susan Zonia, MD

Dr. Zonia received her Ph.D. in Sociology, with an emphasis on complex organizations and research methods, from Michigan State University in 1984. She served on the faculty of Wayne State University, in Detroit Michigan, and Michigan State University for a number of years. Dr. Zonia became involved in graduate medical education in 1992. Since then, she has played a central role in developing new internships, residency and fellowship programs. In 1999, Dr. Zonia completed a Fellowship in Health Policy. Currently, she serves as the Director of Medical Education for St. Joseph Mercy-Oakland Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan. She is also the Chair of the hospital's Institutional Research Board, overseeing all human subject research. She is a Board Member of AHME (Association of Hospital and Medical Educators) and is a Fellow, and the President-Elect of AODME (Association of Osteopathic Directors and Medical Educators).



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STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF OAKLAND

STEVEN WOODWARD,

Plaintiff,

v

File No. 07-088103-CZ

HON. SHALINA KUMAR

TRINITY HEALTH-MICHIGAN,
a Michigan Nonprofit corporation,
SUSAN CATHERINE ZONIA, an individual,
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ANTIGUA
A Foreign corporation,

Defendants.
_____ /

DEPOSITION OF SUSAN ZONIA, PH.D.

Taken by the Plaintiff on the 3rd day of February, 2009, at 322 North

Old Woodward Avenue, Birmingham, Michigan, at 8:30 a.m.

APPEARANCES:

For the Plaintiff: MR. PAUL J. NICOLETTI (P44419)
Nicoletti & Associates, PC
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Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48304
(248) 203-7800

For the Defendant: MR. DAVID B. GUNSBERG (P24235)
Law Office of David B. Gunsberg
322 North Old Woodward Avenue
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Also Present: Alex Pathenos

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Birmingham, Michigan

Tuesday, February 3, 2009 - 8:43 a.m.

MR. NICOLETTI: Dr. Zonia, let the record reflect that this is the time and date for your deposition. My name is Paul Nicoletti and I represent Steven Woodward. And I'm going to take your deposition. I'm going to ask you a series of questions.

DR. ZONIA: Uh-huh (affirmative).

MS. NICOLETTI: Have you ever had your deposition taken before?

DR. ZONIA: Yes, I have.

MR. NICOLETTI: Okay. Now, one thing that you just showed me, you can't say "uh-huh" --

DR. ZONIA: Oh, I'm sorry.

MR. NICOLETTI: -- when I ask you questions because the court reporter can't take that down so you need to try to say "yes" or "no" or a verbal response so she can take it down.

DR. ZONIA: Certainly.

MR. NICOLETTI: You indicate that have you had deposition taken before?

DR. ZONIA: Yes, I have.

MR. NICOLETTI: And when was that and why was that?

DR. ZONIA: It was taken probably around four years ago. That's an approximate and it was because I had to remove a

physician from the faculty teaching service at a previous hospital that I was associated with.

MR. NICOLETTI: And who was the physician that you had to remove?

DR. ZONIA: I don't know why that's relevant.

MR. GUNSBURG: I'm going to object. I think that that physician terminations may be a privileged or confidential and totally irrelevant to this case.

MR. NICOLETTI: Are you --

MR. GUNSBURG: It's a different hospital and I don't think the witness should be disclosing that kind of information.

MR. NICOLETTI: Are you instructing her not to answer?

MR. GUNSBURG: I am, yes.

REPORTER: Raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you're about to give will be the whole truth?

DR. ZONIA: Yes, I do.

REPORTER: Thank you.

SUSAN ZONIA, PH.D.

having been called by the Plaintiff and sworn:

EXAMINATION

BY MR. NICOLETTI:

Q What was the previous hospital that you were at?

A I have been at several previous hospitals.

Q Okay. And what was the hospital before Trinity Health?

A Oakwood.

Q And how long were you at Oakwood?

A Four years.

Q And when did you start there and when did you leave there?

A Well, I've been at Trinity for three years so --

Q So in terms of --

A -- 2006. I left Oakwood, so I would have been there from 2002 to about 2006. And then from approximately 2000 to 2006 I was at Botsford Hospital, all in similar positions to what I hold now.

Q And what is the position that you hold now?

A Director of medical education.

Q And what is your educational background? Why don't you start with college and then tell me what you have -- where did you go to college and what you have done after college?

A I went to the University of Missouri, St. Louis for a bachelors and a

masters degree in sociology. I went to Michigan State University and received a Ph.D. in sociology.

Q And when was that?

A It's like deja vu. 1987 I got my Ph.D.

Q And you haven't always been living in Michigan because you were at the University of Missouri?

A Uh-huh (affirmative); correct.

Q How long have you been in Michigan?

A I've been in Michigan 30 years.

Q So you are not a medical doctor, you're a Ph.D.; is that correct?

A I am a doctor. I'm not a physician.

Q Okay. And you started at -- you started at Trinity in 2006; is that correct?

A Correct.

Q And when you started at Trinity in 2006 what was your position at that time?

A Because they had to change the medical staff bylaws I was called the chief academic officer.

Q And what were your responsibilities as chief academic officer?

A My responsibilities are not unlike being the principal of a very large high school. I oversee all of the academic programs, the physician faculty report to me. Ultimately I am responsible for the quality of the programs, for all of the reporting to the federal government, to

From: Sevrine Barrie [mailto:Sbarrie@AUAMED.ORG]
Sent: Tuesday, May 06, 2008 1:24 PM
To: Kelly, Bill
Subject: RE: ECFMG USMLE /Steven Woodward

Hi Bill:

Thanks for taking the time to return my call.

This is to inform you that Steven Woodward is no longer enrolled at the American University of Antigua. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sevrine Rodrigues Barrie
Dean of Student Services and Registrar

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medicine

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Certification of Attendance

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October 13, 2010

Mr. Steven L. Woodward
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RE: Your Student Loan Account [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Woodward:

This letter is in response to your inquiry requesting assistance with an issue you are having with St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital and The American University of Antigua.

I have researched your account and have confirmed that you have three Excel Grad Loans that are serviced by Sallie Mae. These loans were borrowed to finance your attendance at Kasturba Medical College; not American University of Antigua. Enclosed please find copies of your promissory notes.

I hope that the information and documentation provided are helpful to you. You may contact me directly and toll-free at 888-545-4199, x89180, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Devin Hewitt
Office of the Customer Advocate
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BANGALORE: In one of the biggest cross-border deals in the education space, Manipal Education has acquired the entire shareholding of American University of Antigua (AUA) from New York-based Greater Caribbean Learning Resources.

Manipal Education confirmed the buyout, but did not disclose the transaction size. However, sources said the company has raised \$115 million debt financing from ICICI Bank in recent weeks, which will be ploughed into the buyout as well as capex requirements for ramping up the campus.

ET first reported on the potential acquisition in its edition dated October 7. The Caribbean is a well-established market for medical students from the US mainland, where the availability of seats far outstrips demand. "We have completed the buyout, giving us control over AUA, which is among the top five medical education campuses in the Caribbean islands along with St George's University School of Medicine and Ross University," Anand Sudarshan, MD & CEO, Manipal Education, told ET.

"We saw a huge potential and strategic value in the acquisition as the Caribbean serves the unmet demand for medical seats in the US. The US is estimated to have 16,800 medical seats, while there are over 60,000 students who clear MCAT annually," Mr Sudarshan added.

AUA currently has over a 1,000 students on campus; the number will go up to 2,500 after Manipal builds a new campus in the near future. The US is currently short of over 75,000 doctors, and Manipal is keen on exploiting this opportunity by focussing on the Caribbean education industry.

Coupled with proximity to the US mainland and the secular nature of the US medical education system — which allows even AUA students to take the US Medical Licensing Examination — the Caribbean has become a cost-effective alternative for US students to secure a medical degree.

The deal marks Manipal Education's third M&A in 18 months. It had earlier acquired U21 Global, an online varsity, and MeritTrac, a skills assessment and testing firm. Manipal Education, in which the promoters hold 82% stake, has attempted to raise between \$100 and \$150 million from private equity investors. Before the market meltdown, banking sources said, the company's valuation was placed at around \$1.2 billion, making it probably the most valuable privately-owned education asset in the country.

Manipal Education, which is primarily into medical education with campuses in Malaysia, Nepal and Dubai, is estimated to end the current financial year with a topline of \$200 million.

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